Affiliated Utes select officers for Newly established corporations

At a recent meeting of the Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah, (mixed blood Indians of the Uintah-Ouray Reservation), a new corporation was formed and officers elected.

Chosen to head the Ute Distributive Corporation as president was Albert H. Harris, Roosevelt, who currently is the executive manager of the Affiliated Utes. Others elected to assist Mr. Harris include David H. Workman, Ogden, vice-president; Lula Murdock, Fort Duchesne, secretary; Benny Murdock, Fort Duchesne, treasurer and director; Preston V. Allen, Altonah, director.

The Ute Distributive Corp. is one of the three corporations organized by the Affiliated Utes to handle their affairs as called for in a plan of management of their assets set up under provisions of Public Law 671.

Purposes Listed

It's purpose is to receive and distribute to the 490 registered members of the mixed-blood group all funds derived from activities of the Rock Creek Cattle Range Co., and Antelope Sheep Range Co., from land sales, oil and gas leases and rentals, oil and gas bonuses and royalties, grazing fees and rentals, and from money awarded as a result of land judgment claims.

The Rock Creek Cattle Range Co., will handle affairs of all cattle raisers.

Officers Of Cattle Group

Its officers are Colin Murdock, Fort Duchesne, president; Edith D. Gardner, Whiterocks, vice president; Elmer Hackford, Lapoint, secretary; Preston Allen, Altonah, Richard N. Hackford, Lapoint,, directors.

The Antelope Sheep Range Co. organizing all sheep raisers into 1 unit, will be directed by Lewis J. Hackford, Tabiona, president; Eva Fontella Hackford, Bridgeland, vice president; Henry E. Harris Jr., Fort Duchesne, secretary; Alfonzo Van, Charles E. Van, Lapoint, directors.

Each registered member of the Affiliated-Ute group receives one share of stock in each corporation.

These stocks may be sold or exchanged as individual members feel best serve their interests, with the stipulation that stocks must be offered for sale or exchange to members of the mixed-blood group.

In addition to approving and adopting the articles of incorporation for the distributive corporation, the Affiliated Utes gave officers of the Corporation: (1) Authority to dispose of lands which will not be included in the cattle and sheep corporations, and which the group feels it cannot utilize; (2) Authority to sell land assignments to the assignees; (3) Decide not to turn administration of its fish and game to the Utah State Fish and Game Department, which means that federal laws and regulations will continue to govern the hunting and fishing on mixed-blood Indian land until termination of federal supervision over the group on or before August 27, 1961.